

## THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

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Froiss Generally.

CORN MUCH WEAKER THAN WHEAT.

Improved Weather in North Dakota  
and Denials of Recent Reports  
of Damage to Grain  
Caused a Reaction

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 15.—The bears were on top in the grain pits this morning. The news was all in their favor and they improved their opportunity to slug prices, and especially in corn, with the result of sending it down \$1.00 per bushel. The market was quiet, though there was a small recovery later, while wheat reacted and closed higher. At no time during the session was wheat as weak as corn and every onslaught was stubbornly contested. The surprising thing is that with the load of bearish news in the early trading there was not a more marked decline. Cables were weak and ended both in Great Britain and on the continent.

New York opened weak and lower and continued to weaken while Minneapolis and Duluth were off from 4¢ to 1¢, and all were sellers in this market on the improved weather in North Dakota and the published statement that the damage to wheat in that state had been less than expected.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 15—Firms—Firm of F. G. Logan & Co.; Smith, M. & Co.; patents, \$2,000,000; extra, fancy, \$1,200,000; fancy, \$1,000,000; choice, \$1,000,000; XXN, \$1,000,000.

WHEAT—Firm, steady; ordinary, 12¢; hard, 12¢; soft, 12¢; No. 2, 12¢; No. 3, 12¢; No. 4, 12¢.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, cash, 8¢80 bid; October, 8¢60.

FLAXSEED—Steady; No. 2, cash, 8¢80 bid.

COFFEE—Firm and unchanged; ordinary, 8¢60; fancy prairie, 8¢60; good to choice, \$1,000,000; low grades, \$400,000.

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CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 15—Money 6 percent. New York exchange 6 discount to par. Clearances, \$1,306,500.

S. R. Lyles, Mo., Oct. 15—Clearings, \$1,484,557.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 15—Clearings, \$1,474,194.

SR. L. MOORE, Oct. 15—Clearings, \$1,474,194.